

CHAPTER XVI

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OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

There will be abundance of musical fare on Good Friday next, and it will not be easy to choose from all the excellent programmes announced. At the Albert Hall Choir will give a rendering of the "Messiah," in the evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. Miss Palmer, Miss Clara Butt, Mr. Lloyd Chandon, and Mr. Stanley being the vocalists, and Sir Alexander Mackenzie conductor.

At the Crystal Palace, on Good Friday, at 2 o'clock, there will be a performance of Gounod's "Redemption" in the afternoon, with Madame Marie Duma, Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Hilda Wilson, Mr. Iver McKay, Mr. W. A. Peterkin, and Mr. Ludwig as soloists. Mr. Randerger directing the oratorio.

In addition to these two sacred entertainments there will be grand sacred concerts at the Crystal Palace in the afternoon and evening, at which Miss Margaret Macintyre, Miss Marian McKensie, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Mr. Stanley will sing; and a Good Friday concert at Queen's Hall in the evening, at which Miss Macintyre, Madame Belle Carter, Miss Grace Macintyre, and Miss Hilda Wilson, Mr. Henry Percy, Mr. Herbert Grover, Mr. George Holmes, and Mr. David Bishop will appear.

Sir Augustus Harris's season of operas in English opens on Saturday, April 4, with Gounod's "Faust," cast with Madames Fanny Moody and Meisling; Messrs. Hedmont, Richard Green, and Charles Manners. On Easter Monday "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria" will be played, and during the remainder of the week performances will be given of Balfe's "Bohemian Girl" and Bizet's "Carmen."

At the "Strand Musical Magazine" concert at Queen's Hall on April 25 a débütante of interest in musical circles will appear in Miss Stanley Lucas, whose father is Mr. Stanley Lucas, formerly secretary of the Philharmonic Society and present secretary of the Royal Society of Music.

I regret to hear of the sudden death at Belfast of M. Ventuque, the well-known violinist and composer. He had only arrived from Manchester on Friday last to perform in Berlioz's "Faust," and on his way to the Ulster Hall he was seized with a fit of apoplexy, and succumbed almost immediately.

A trained monkey is said to be the latest wonder in pianoforte prodigies. It is reported to possess much intelligence and have an advantage over other prodigies in that it plays with feet as well as hands. Another remarkable accomplishment of the monkey is the life and animal in that it curls its tail over its shoulder, and turns over the music with the tip.

There have been 682 new pupils this term at the Guildhall School of Music, the entire number in the school reaching the enormous number of 3,655. During the 15 years that the institution has been in existence 36,000 pupils have received their musical education there, and the vast sum of £221,208 has been paid in fees.

Owing to his having received offers of engagements from Germany for next season, Mr. Plunkett Greene will not be able to return to America until about a year from now. The popular baritone will divide his time until then between Great Britain and the Continent.

Mr. Frederick Griffiths, the well-known pianist, will shortly publish a book entitled, "Notable Musicians," dealing with the artists of the Principality, whether composers, vocalists, instrumentalists, or conductors. The volume will contain nearly 100 portraits, besides biographical sketches, and the preface will consist of matter concerning the present condition of music in Wales.

A jubilee performance of "Elijah" will be given by the Royal Choral Society on April 25, the closing night of the present season of oratorio at the Albert Hall. Before the next series begins a new conductor will have to be chosen, and I am glad to hear that the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, presiding at the society, has expressed a strong desire that an English musician should be selected for the post.

In all probability the Nikisch concerts, announced last month, will be postponed until the autumn. The orchestra fixtures for the next 3 months are already so numerous that I think Mr. Nikisch will be well advised to make the proposed alteration.

Herz Goldmark's new opera, "The Cricket on the Hearth," was produced last week at the Imperial Opera House, Berlin, with great success. The music is said to be full of melodious airs, which are sure to become popular, and the librettist, Herr Willner, has re-told Charles Dickens's famous Christmas story in a most charming and sympathetic manner.

Mr. Wilhelm Kube's memoirs, which are shortly to be issued, will undoubtedly prove highly interesting. The veteran composer, pianist, and entrepreneur has witnessed the vicissitudes of musical events that have occurred during the last 60 years. The volume will also contain some stories about Mozart and "Don Giovanni," which have the charm of being new.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

A most interesting exhibition was made at the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club in the fine series of fine series of eggs of the cuckoo, together with clutches of eggs of the foster parents, with which they had been deposited. The series numbered upwards of 900 specimens, and had been got together for the occasion from the cabinets of many of the members of the society. It is known that the cuckoo imposes upon the eggs of 70 were exhibited, and in some cases the similarity to the foster-parent's eggs and the consequent divergence of colouration and markings of the cuckoo's eggs one from another were very remarkable.

Although the cuckoo is such a well-known bird much still remains to be learnt as regards its habits. We all of us know that it builds no nest of its own, but deposits its eggs in other birds' nests, and leaves the duties of incubation and the bringing up of the young to them, but it is not yet settled whether each female cuckoo deposits its eggs in the nests of one particular species or in those of several kinds of birds. It is known either way the cuckoo's eggs should in some instances resemble so closely those of the foster-mother, but it is thought that the young cuckoo when it commences to lay always chooses a nest of the same species as its foster-parent, and it, having been fed on that bird's particular food when young, lays eggs very similar in colouration to the eggs of the foster-parent.

The other day I paid a visit to the small collection of animals in Cissold Park. Since my last visit, about a year ago, there have been some additions made to it, and some of the animals that I then saw are missing. The inmates of the aviary, consisting of jacks, doves, finches, parrots, and all appear to be very happy, with the exception of the jackdaw, who seems not to have a very rosy time of it. Ever since I have known poor Jack he has striven to cultivate a decent growth of breast feathers, but all in vain, for his companions seem to make a point of stripping him of this part of his attire. A knowing magpie is all life, and his antics are very

amusing. The crows now consist of only 2 pairs, and these have built a couple of nests close together in a tree set apart for their special benefit. The small herd of deer is still in a very flourishing condition.

While looking at the aviary, two of the spectators were discussing the jackdaw, not his nakedness, but the sort of bird he was. One said he was a thrush, while the other got nearer the mark by calling him a crow. Now all this might have been prevented if labels with small pictorial representations of the birds with their names underneath them were placed in the cages. What struck me as rather remarkable was the perfect harmony existing between the birds of such different habits, such, for instance, as the jackdaw and magpie, which were caged together with the doves and the finches, which were with the larks. Usually in aviaries it has been found that hard-billed birds, such as the finches, are quarrelsome with the soft-billed ones, like the larks, and the best results have been obtained by keeping the different classes apart.

A correspondent at Canterbury has sent me the following interesting account of a meadow in the autumn of 1894 a cock robin—in the autumn of 1894 a cock robin came and took up his quarters in my garden, and he was not the only bird that came near. As the weather got colder the bird became more tame, and when the ground was covered with snow he used to sit on a hurdle just outside my back door waiting for crumbs to be thrown out to him. One time went on to throw away all other birds that came near. As the weather got colder the bird became more tame, and when the ground was covered with snow he used to sit on a hurdle just outside my back door waiting for crumbs to be thrown out to him. One time went on to throw away all other birds that came near.

Although such a favourite the robin is one of the most quarrelsome of our British birds, and the habit, as described above, of taking up a certain ground and sitting on it, and driving away all intruders can be witnessed almost any country house in the winter months, to the vicinity of which, during this season, the birds always resort. When many one robin frequents the same locality there are constant conflicts take place for the supremacy, and are often carried on until one or the other of them is killed. These birds we see in the winter time are, as a rule, old ones, for the young ones migrate in the autumn.

One great mistake of poultry keepers, particularly those who have only a limited space at their disposal, is over-crowding. There are too many fowls in a run, and they are on a run, do not lay well, and generally are a failure. This is consequent upon the fouling of the ground over which they are constantly running. It is for this reason that but little success is attained in the keeping of fowls in London back-yards, but this is overlooked by most people, and the breed that they happen to have kept is considered an unprofitable one, and is changed for another with the same result, until, in despair they give up keeping poultry altogether. Of course fowls can be kept in confinement, and with advantage, but if they are the least crowded under such conditions they do not thrive. Therefore the smaller the number kept in confined runs the better.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending March 24 include a markhorst, 2 Japanese pheasant, 2 Amherst's pheasant, 2 Spink's pheasant, a bar-tailed pheasant, 2 great American egret, a Puerto Rico pigeon, a vineaceous pigeon, 3 Canadian laurel pigeons, a Diana monkey, 2 grey ichneumon, 2 rosy parakeets, a common mynah, 2 musky parakeets, a herring gull, 2 Barbary wild sheep (born in the garden), 2 crowned crickets (antelope), and a jackal from South Africa.

I regret to see amongst the deaths that of the orang-utan, which was noticed by my colleague, "Wide Awake," in "The People" on Sunday last. This animal, which was kept at the Zoological Gardens in July of last year, so had spent about 9 months there. She seemed to be a great favourite, and was a most intelligent animal.

THE ACTOR.

Although "The Gay Parisienne" is not to be produced at the Duke of York's until Easter Eve, yet I and many other Londoners have seen it. The reason is simple—the piece has been played during the last few days at the Elephant and Castle Theatre, and, of course, the Duke of York's company, but by a company which has been touring with the comedy. At the house in St. Martin's-lane the cast will, of necessity, be stronger than that which I saw the other day, though I should be loath to deprive the piece here because, as I do not say it is better, but the country does not always suit the metropolitan West-end. I should imagine for example, that the pas de quatre which I saw at the Elephant in the second act of "The Gay Parisienne" will be liked by the Duke of York's company, but the Duke of York's company, but by a company which has been touring with the comedy. 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24 Hours' Race (final 4-hours' stage).—A. V. ton, Wales, 491 miles 653 yards, 1; G. Barac

Half-mile Handicap (women).—Mrs. G. C. 150 yards, 1; Miss C. Farrar, 85 yards, 2; M. Blackburn, 60 yards, 3. Won by 10 yards. 1 min. 13 1-2 sec.

SOUTH ESSEX A.C.—The members of this turned out in force for a 5-miles spn. paced by King. The race home was won by this runner

Heath (4sec), 1; C. Wynne (1min 25sec), 2; Donald (1min 10sec), 3. Winner's time, 20min. G. Alabaster secured the novices' prize, and the consolation prize.

swamped by the heavy showers, and the Hon. Guy and his committee of assistant masters a had no option but to postpone the races until 13. The programme is a heavy one, there being 47 for the half-mile handicap and 13 for the m

SWIMMING.
AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.
The annual general meeting of this association

PROBABLES V. POSSIBLES.
This match was played at Wembley Park
ject of the game being to select the team to
the South in their match with the North
Probables won by 15 goals to 8. The team

Senior, R. Taubman and S. M. Dent, 79 net.
Junior, T. H. Lewis, 70 net. Roundoff Champion's Prize: S. H. Petre, 85 net. North Monthly Medals: E. L. Mansergh and R. tied.

HOCKEY.
In the international match at Dublin, En.
Ireland by 1 goal to 0.
Putney beat Hampton Wick, 4 to 2. Ro-
watory beat Shuttleworth, 8 to 3.

E. DIGGLE v. W. J. PEALL.
These players have been taking part during
in a game of 9,000 up, spot barred, Peall
start, at Messrs. Orme and Sons, Blackf.
Manchester. Diggle early in the match

64, 33, 63, 86, and 273 unfinished. Peall's best was 79, and 190. Scores: Diggle, 8,250; Peall, 7,700. Peall was a good attendance in the evening, and had matters all his own way. Peall's best was 88 (all off the red ball), and Diggle's

These professionals during the week continued their work in the city. Spiller was in the hall in Dean-st., Soho. Some excellent work was done in the totals being...

As a good deal of controversy has taken

by Friday night Roberts had reached Sheffield's 11,534. On continuing on to the sixth stage, the leader without rest, 100, scored very consistently making breaks 85, 32, 48, 36, 40, and 99. Against these

W. Cromwell, sentenced to death for murdering Sarah Baxendale Shaw, has been respited.

THE PEOPLE'S MIXTURE.

Bullock's liver should always be scalded before being cooked. There are now in the United States 3,700 national banks. The Pope is said to be suffering from sleeplessness. For a few days he has taken drives in the Vatican gardens. The Bristol Town Council have decided to spend a sum of £100,000 upon improving the docks there. The cruiser *Arrogant*, building at Devonport, will be launched on May 25. She was laid down on June 10, 1895. Piano keys may be cleaned with diluted alcohol applied with a piece of very soft muslin. In memory of her husband, Mrs. Charles Fish has sent the handsome donation of £4,000 to the Westminster Hospital. Babies have broken out amongst the kennels, Straton Hunt at the kennels. The 600th anniversary of the erection of Norwich Cathedral will be celebrated in July. The London death rate per 1,000, 20.8 in the preceding week, fell last week to 18.8. A slight decline in deaths from measles took place, but the total (122) was 76 above the average for the week. Fatal cases of diphtheria in London increased last week from 45 to 52. Deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs decreased from 377 to 345. Eleven deaths were attributed to influenza, and 1,005 deaths in London last week, the former being 203 and the latter 286 below the average for the same week of the last 10 years. The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual mortality of 19.2 per 1,000 of the average population. Commander Wrey, who was recently knocked down by an omnibus and run over by a cart, has recovered consciousness, and is now lying at St. Thomas's Hospital. The Countess of Devon is among the few ladies in Surrey who have been elected on the new parish councils. She is councillor for Ockham. An anonymous donation of £500 has just been received by the Church Army in aid of the society's work amongst the outcast and destitute. In Greater London there are consumed every year about 45,000,000 gallons of malt liquor, 8,000,000 gallons of wine, and 4,500,000 gallons of ardent spirits. A statistician computes that Queen Victoria is now 80 years over one continent, 200 promissories, 500 promissories, 1,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers, and 10,000 islands. It is probable that Sir C. Tupper's successor as the Canadian High Commissioner in London will be Sir D. Smith, who is one of the wealthiest men in Canada. The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., has sent a donation of £100 to the treasurer of King's College Hospital, in response to the appeal issued in connection with the forthcoming festival dinner. Ex-Emperer Eugenie, in her latest will, has constituted herself the godmother of all the male children born in France on the birthday of her son. The number amounts to 3,834, all of whom she has remembered in her will. Reuben Cole, landlord of the White Hart at Calow, was committed for trial at Chester on a charge of assaulting his domestic servant, Jennie Gould. The defence was that it was a case of blackmailing. Some idea of the value of artesian bores in Central Australia may be gathered from the fact that at Charleville one bore alone has been given for 3,500,000 gallons of pure water per day. In St. Petersburg every bicyclist is bound to have affixed to the back of the machine a metal plate, on which the registered number is displayed in figures large enough to be legible from a considerable distance. The clerk to the Paddington Vestry has despatched to all the metropolitan local authorities copies of a memorial for presentation to the Government in favour of the imposition of a tax on cycles. The second-class cruiser *Bacchante*, 16 guns, 4,130 tons, 4,500-horse-power, is to be sold out of the Royal Navy as unfit for further service. The *Bacchante* has been unemployed since her return from the Indies Station a few years since. The clerk to the usually awarded to the candidate who, at the Cambridge Local Examination, passes the best examination in shorthand in all England, has been gained by H. K. Greenwood, a pupil of Sir George Monoux, Grammar School, Watlington. Upwards of £12,000,000 was tendered for £1,719,000 of Treasury bills offered at the Bank of England this week, and the lowest price at which any were sold was 490 2d. 3d. per cent., which was equal to a discount of 7 1/2 per cent. The competition at the Royal Academy of Music for the Louisa Hopkins memorial prize took place this week. The prize was awarded to Gertrude Peppercorn, who is a native of W. Harsley, Surrey. The examiners highly commended Isabel Coates. The inhabitants of Denby Dale, Yorkshire, are intending to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the repeal of the Corn Laws by baking a meat pie, which is to be prepared in an iron dish 10 ft. long by 6 ft. wide and 1 ft. in depth. The celebration is fixed for Aug. 1. As an instance of the effect of a mild frost on flowers, Mr. Davis, of Lewisham, has a stock which has remained flowered in his garden since last August. It is now a mass of buds and blossoms, quite equal to its summer state. Gen. Donat, chief of the Transvaal Military Department, has published the exact state of the armaments of the Republic. On Dec. 31 there was, he says, stored in different magazines over 16,000,000 cartridges and 6,500 Martin-Henry rifles. Nearly £10,000 worth of goods at the festival dinner of the Linen and Woollen Drapers' Institution, when upwards of 400 members of the trade and their friends assembled at St. James's Hall to celebrate its 64th anniversary. An industrial deputation is in process of formation to wait upon the Local Government Board to ask for the appointment of a score of inspectors to carry out the provisions of the Food Acts, and stamp out the adulteration by which large fortunes are being made. The shipbuilders on the N.E. coast of England appear to have taken wind out of the sails of the Clyde firms in tendering for the 5 new third-class cruisers of the *Porosus* type. Two will be constructed by the Harland & Wolff Co. at Hull, and the 3th in the Armstrong yards at Newcastle. The cruisers will steam 20 knots, the engines being of 7,000 indicated horse-power. The tercentenary of the Whitgift Foundation was celebrated at Croydon this week. In the instigation which has elapsed since 1595 the Archbishop Whitgift laid the foundation stones of the Hospital of the Holy Trinity and of the schools adjacent, large numbers of poor brethren and sisters have found shelter and support in their declining years, while thousands of boys have received a good education. Mr. Bushby, senior magistrate at the Worship-street Police Court, has resigned. Mr. H. J. Bushby joined the London bench 25 years ago, after having served a period as a judge in India. In the year 1870, the Worship-street Police Court as his first court, he became the colleague of Mr. Newton, and with 1 exception, when he submitted himself to election as Common Sergeant of the City of

London, has made no effort to change his position. Brown eyes are said by some oculists to be the strongest. Jan. 1 was New Year's Day in France by royal edict in the year 1564. Powdered boxes scattered freely about infected places will destroy cockroaches. Great Britain has 90 miles of railway tunnels. A healthy man requires 16 or 20 times a minute or over 20,000 a day; a child 25 or 35 times a minute. In marching, soldiers take 75 steps per minute; quick marching, 108; and in charging, 150 steps. Rev. Dr. Alexander has been enthroned as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, in succession to the late Dr. Gregory. A healthy man should weigh 150 lb., for every inch of stature. A man of 5 ft. 10 in. ought to weigh 161 lb. Lord Rutherford Clark has resigned his office as one of the judges of the Court of Session. Chairs and stools are never used by the Equinox. The men sit like tailors, with their legs crossed, while the women stretch out their limbs. Flowers bloom in the Sandwich Islands all the year round; therefore, it is believed that that country is more desirous than Japan of the title, "Flower Kingdom." Spots of iron rust may be removed from table linen by placing some salts of lemon upon the stained and placing the articles in the steam bath. Two deaf mutes were recently married in the United States by a clergyman who propounded the important questions with the aid of a typewriter. Since the beginning of the year 71 soldiers belonging to the 1st Regiment of Mts have been killed from the German Army and crossed the frontier. A list of 40, and 16 men have been killed and a much larger number wounded in a fight between 2 Spanish forces in Cuba. Each took the British Army rifle has 82 component parts, in the production of which 932 machines are employed, as well as various processes which do not require machinery. Mushrooms should always be dried before being eaten as soon as possible after being picked. Mushrooms are large they should be peeled before they are cooked; the small ones may be rubbed off with a soft cloth dipped in vinegar. In the Divorce Court, Mrs. Henrietta Armistead, of Kensington Park-road, London, principal of a high school for girls, was granted a decree nisi, with costs, on the ground of cruelty and misconduct of her husband, who has gone to Africa. Some curious slips of speech were made at the annual meeting of the London Wesleyan Mission. Mr. Perkins, M.P., referred to the work of the "female sisters"; while Mr. Hughes invited "young men and women of all ages" to attend his meetings. The result of the poll in Lewisham, to decide whether the present public library rate should be increased to £100,000, was a majority of 3,086 votes in favour of the alteration, and 4,044 against it. It is not generally known that in Watford Churchyard there is a big tree growing out of a tombstone, which is split in half. The tree is a tradition which is well attested. That a lady asked that a fig-seed might be put in her coffin. The tree is now a large one, and bears fruit. Undertakers are using cheap coffins pressed out of paper pulp. When polished and stained, such coffins are as handsome as the real wood. They last longer in the ground than coffins of wood or metal, and they can be hermetically sealed better than heavy metal ones. A calculation of the amount of fluid required by an acre of cabbage may be pursued by the crop of cabbages are planted in rows 18 in. apart and 18 in. from each other, it is estimated that in the course of 12 hours no less than 10 tons of water are required. The water will have been incessantly perspired by their fleshy leaves. Some of our modern M.P.s would be rather astonished if ancient laws regulating their procedure were now exercised. In 1626 Mr. Moor was sent to the Tower for speaking out of season. Sir W. Widdington and Sir H. Price, at a later date, were sent to the Tower for speaking in eandies against the desires of the House. A question has been raised as to the propriety of a number of Jews taking service in the Army, and a Rabbi has been designated to minister spiritually to the Jewish soldiers in India. An annual natural slaughter of men with dark, straight hair called the ministry; red-whiskered men are apt to be given to sporting and horseflesh; while the tall, vigorous, blonde man, lineal descendant of the Vikings, still contributes a large contingent to travel and emigrants. The number of human lives destroyed by snakes in India in 1894 was 21,338. The number of wild beasts killed in the same year was 13,447, and the number of snakes 102,210. There were roller-skaters, or, at any rate, an individual of this species, more than 150 years ago. He was a foreigner, and he crashed into a looking-glass, with the most serious consequences both to it and to himself. Dr. Candler has discovered in the constellation Pegasus a little variable star which may be fairly said to wink. Two or three times in the course of a single night this curious star can be seen to fade and then brighten like a signal light. For about 23 hours it gets fainter and fainter; then comes a change, and, at the end of 23 hours more, it is as bright as at the beginning. Unfortunately, it can only be seen with a telescope. Let it rank among the stars of the firmament like a signal light. For about 23 hours it gets fainter and fainter; then comes a change, and, at the end of 23 hours more, it is as bright as at the beginning. Unfortunately, it can only be seen with a telescope. Let it rank among the stars of the firmament like a signal light. For about 23 hours it gets fainter and fainter; then comes a change, and, at the end of 23 hours more, it is as bright as at the beginning. Unfortunately, it can only be seen with a telescope. 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